2. Private Operators:

(i) As on 30-09-2005, a total of 1,16,860 number of Landlines and WLL (Fixed) connections have been provided.

(ii) As on 30-09-2005, a total of 18,48,426 number of Cellular and WLL mobile connections have been provided.

(iii) The private service providers do not maintain separate database for urban and rural areas.

Setting up of Electronic Hardware Technology Park

1693. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government has planned to set up an Electronic Hardware Technology Park near new Bangalore International airport (Devanahalli);

(b) the extent of land required for the formation of this Technology Park;

(c) whether there is a proposal to acquire agricultural land belonging to farmers for this project; and

(d) whether the excess land already acquired for the Bangalore International Airport been earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) The Government of Karnataka has planned to set up an Electronic Hardware Technology Park (EHTP) near the new Bangalore International Airport coming up in Devanahalli. The Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) has been requested to acquire about 1400 acres of identified land in the vicinity of the new International Airport. The KIADB has acquired land for the Bangalore International Airport and therefore it was considered appropriate to request KIADB to acquire and earmark land for the EHTP. The KIADB will acqure the Agricultural land for the proposed EHTP. The KIADB would be the authority empowered to allot land to the Electronic Hardware Industrial units in the proposed Electronic Hardware Technology Park. International Airport land is not linked to land being acquired for EHTP as both are separate entities.